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Sent: 1/30/2017 5:20:29 AM
Subject: Re: Outbreak reports (Rajshahi and Dhaka) for crow die-off, Bangladesh

Jonna,

Sorry for the confusion. That information was included in these drafts as a way to share a more complete set of information, internally, with you. It was marked 'internal' so you would know what was still preliminary and uncleared. My intention was for you to have a more detailed account of events and results and that we would then remove/alter this information before submitting to USAID once you had returned comments. Clearly, not the right approach or mechanism.

I'll revise and return these to you with appropriate level of information this morning.

-Jon

On Jan 29, 2017 11:15 PM, "Jonna Mazet" <jkmazet@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

Sending these are back to you for further editing.

I had hoped to just have minor changes that I could accept and send on a final to USAID now, but there are still significant problems. I'm concerned that you are even tempted to put uncleared results in these reports against all of our policies and discussions. These reports are for sharing, so saying that people shouldn't share what you've put here is extremely dangerous and negates the point of having these reports completed for communications to USAID/DC and the Mission.

Please edit and if you understand my comments, send on to PREDICTMGT <predictmgt@usaid.gov>, copying predict-outbreak@ucdavis.edu

I'd like them to have it at the start of the day, hence my trying to turn them around tonight. I don't want them to have to wait for 3 more hours for California time. That said, if any of my comments are unclear or beg more questions, DO NOT SEND until we discuss. I would prefer for them to go early, but not if you think you are still unclear on what should or shouldn't go in these reports.

We're struggling here because our guidelines have already been missed on the ground and preliminary information shared as if data had been through our process. These documents are our one chance to clear things up about preliminary results and confirmed ones (in this case through testing and reporting by others, since none of these results have gone through our lab leads or reported officially for clearance by GoB). I know we stepped out of our usual role and went to specific RT-PCR testing in our lab, but that too should have been coordinated with the lab team, so we would know how to handle the results reporting. We're in the situation we're in, so let's do the best we can to be as good as we can be with these clean-up reports.

Please work with your team to revise,
J

On Sun, Jan 29, 2017 at 6:23 PM, Jon Epstein <epstein@ecohealthalliance.org> wrote:

Hi Jonna,

Attached are the updated reports for the crow die-off investigation in Bangladesh. Please let me know if you have any questions or if clarification is needed for any details in the reports.

Arif, Mindy, and I have a call scheduled in the morning and we will update these as necessary.

Cheers,

Jon

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